



THE ANNUAL REPORT
of the Medical Officer of Health
for the Urban District of St. Austell
and the Borough of Fowey
for the year 1967.

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As it was impossible to present Annual reports on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of St. Austell Urban District and Fowey Municipal Borough for the year 1967, due to lack of certain population factors, while these authorities were separate entities, a combined report has been prepared to present with the report of the new Borough of St. Austell with Fowey for 1968.

The statistics are straight forward and show a reasonably good state of affairs. The apparently high infant mortality rate for Fowey can be disregarded, as in such small figures one death gives a ridiculously high relative figure.

I must thank my colleagues in the Public Health staff for the constant help given, particularly Mr. Sturtridge for St. Austell and Mr. Birkett for Fowey, and also I should like to include in my thanks my colleagues in other departments who have always been most co-operative.

Finally in thanking the Public Health Committees of both authorities for the courtesy and interest shown, may I say that I shall miss the many happy meetings with the Councillors of Fowey who are no longer members of the new Borough Council.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant

J. McGOVERN

Medical Officer of Health

(ST.AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL)
SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	13,379
Population	23,600
Number of inhabited houses	9,710
Rateable Value	£966,574
Product of Penny Rate	£4,075

<u>Live Births</u>	M	F	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 Population</u> St. Austell U.D.C.	<u>England and</u> <u>Wales.</u>
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Legitimate	194	192	} 416
Illegitimate	14	16	

15.6

Rate corrected for comparison with other
areas

17.5

17.2

Illegitimate births per cent of total live
births

7.2

8.4

Still births

Legitimate	3	4	} 7
Illegitimate	-	-	
Total live and still births	211	212	423

Rate 1000 live and still births

17.0

14.3

Infant Deaths

Legitimate	1	4	} 6
Illegitimate	-	1	

Rate per 1,000 total live births

14.4

18.3

Neo-natal rate

Infant Deaths under 4 weeks	1	5	6
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Rate 1,000 live births

14.4

12.5

Early Neo-natal rate

Infant Deaths under 1 week	1	3	4
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9.6

10.8

Peri-natal rate

Still births and deaths under 1 week	4	7	11
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Rate 1,000 live and still births

26.0

25.4

Maternal Mortality There was one maternal Death.

Deaths

All ages and causes	216	207	423
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15.9

Corrected for comparison with other areas

11.6

11.2

CAUSES OF DEATH

The following is an abbreviated list of the causes of death of persons of all ages:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis - respiratory	1	0	1
2. Tuberculosis - other	0	0	0
3. Syphilitis Disease	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8. Measles	0	0	0
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	3	9
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	4	13
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	8	8
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	3	3
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	19	20	39
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	0	0
16. Diabetes	1	2	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	26	35	61
18. Coronary disease, angina	55	27	82
19. Hypertension with heart disease	5	7	12
20. Other heart diseases	40	55	95
21. Other circulatory disease	11	7	18
22. Influenza	1	0	1
23. Pneumonia	4	4	8
24. Bronchitis	9	0	9
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1	4
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	1	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	0	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	3	0	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	1	1
31. Congenital malformations	1	3	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	18	30
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	6	1	7
34. All other accidents	0	6	6
35. Suicide	2	0	2
36. Homocide and operations of war	0	0	0
	<hr/> 216	<hr/> 207	<hr/> 423

Principal Causes of Death

Diseases of the heart and circulation	268
Cancer (all forms)	72

The following table gives the distribution of deaths over various age groups.

<u>Age group at death</u>	<u>Number dying in age groups</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Under 4 weeks	1	5
4 weeks to 1 year	0	0
1 to 4 years	1	2
5 to 14 years	1	0
15 to 24 years	4	1
25 to 34 years	3	0
35 to 44 years	4	4
45 to 54 years	5	8
55 to 64 years	37	19
65 to 74 years	61	52
75 and over	99	118

CAUSES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

<u>Cause of Death</u>	
Congenital Malformations	3
Defined and ill-defined causes (Prematurity)	3

(FOWEY BOROUGH COUNCIL)
SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,979
Population (mid year)	2,390
Number of properties	1,208
Rateable Value	£84,480

<u>Live Births</u>	M	F	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 Population</u>	
				<u>Fowey</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Legitimate	14	16	31	13	
Illegitimate	0	1			
Rate corrected for comparison with other areas				16.6	17.2
Illegitimate births % of total live births				3.2	8.4
<u>Still births</u>				<u>Rate 1000 live and still births</u>	
Legitimate	0	0		0	14.8
Illegitimate	0	0			
Total Live and Still births			31		
<u>Infant Deaths</u>					
Legitimate	1	0	1	32.26	18.3
Illegitimate	0	0			
Rate per 1000 total live births					
<u>Neo-natal Deaths</u>				<u>Rate 1000 live births</u>	
Under 4 weeks	1	0	1	32.26	12.5
<u>Early neo-natal deaths</u>					
Under 1 week	1	0	1	32.26	10.8
<u>Peri-natal deaths</u>				<u>Rate 1000 Live and Still births</u>	
Still births and deaths under 1 week	1	0	1	32.26	25.4
<u>Maternal Deaths</u>	0	0	0		
<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Rate 1000 Population</u>	
All ages and causes	21	12	33	13.8	
Corrected for comparison with other areas				10.2	11.2

CAUSES OF DEATH

The following is an abbreviated list of the causes of death of persons of all ages:--

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0	0
2. Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
3. Syphilitic disease	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0
5. Whooping cough	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
7. Acute poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8. Measles	0	0	0
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	0	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	0	0
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	2	2
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	4	0	4
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0
16. Diabetes	0	0	0
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	1	5
18. Coronary disease, angina	2	3	5
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	0	1
20. Other heart disease	3	3	6
21. Other circulatory diseases	1	1	2
22. Influenza	0	0	0
23. Pneumonia	0	0	0
24. Bronchitis	1	0	1
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	0	0	0
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0
28. Nephritis, and nephrosis	0	0	0
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0	0
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations	0	0	0
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	0	2
33. Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
34. All other accidents	1	0	1
35. Suicide	0	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0
All causes:	21	12	33

The following table gives the distribution of deaths over various age groups:

<u>Age group at death</u>	<u>Number dying in age groups</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Under 4 weeks	1	0
4 weeks to 1 year	0	0
1 to 5 years	0	0
5 to 15 years	0	0
15 to 25 years	0	0
25 to 35 years	0	0
35 to 45 years	1	0
45 to 55 years	1	1
55 to 65 years	2	2
65 to 75 years	9	3
75 +	7	6

SECTION A

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

ST.AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA - (in acres) 13,379

The St. Austell Urban District comprises the town of St. Austell surrounded by a belt of fairly open countryside, in which on the boundaries are situated the communities of Bugle, Penwithick, St. Blazey and Tywardreath from inland towards the coast, while along the coast are the villages of Par, Crinnis, Charlestown, Pentewan and Mevagissey.

St. Austell has more than one iron in the fire, as in addition to the important China Clay industry, the tourist trade provides a good source of revenue while in Holmbush an expanding series of industries are developing. These latter industries provide a useful source of employment for women.

The Urban District with its mild climate throughout the year proves a great attraction to retired people, while the summer season sees the influx of many visitors.

The rainfall averages around 50 inches per year and the temperature 51°F.

POPULATION - 26,600

FOWEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA - (in acres) 2,979

The district consists of the estuarine Town of Fowey, the hamlets of Newtown, Polkerris and Polnear and a large rural background.

POPULATION - The Registrar General's population figure for 1967 was 2,390. The temporary Summer population is estimated to add another 3,000.

SECTION B.

GENERAL DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Medical Officer of Health

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ST. AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

2. Chief Public Health Inspector

L.H.Sturtridge, F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.B.I.P.H.E., Cert Meat & Food
Inspector.

3. Additional Public Health Inspectors

C.F.Quantrell, M.A.P.H.I., A.M.R.S.H., Cert Meat & Food Inspector.

M.J.Abrams, M.A.P.H.I., Cert Meat & Food Inspector.

P.R.Johns, M.A.P.H.I., Cert Meat & Food Inspector.

4. Clerical Staff.

Mrs. L. Lawson (Until November 1967).

Mrs. B.Lumb (from December 1967).

FOWEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

5. Public Health Inspector

A.J.Birkett, M.R.S.H.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These were available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Cornwall
Infirmary, Truro.

SERVICES

The Cornwall County Council provide the personal services, while the Urban District Council provides the environmental services. Together these services give a fairly comprehensive health cover to the community. Since the environmental services will be detailed later in this report, a word or two regarding the personal services can be said here.

The County Council provides home nursing, domiciliary midwifery, health visiting, vaccination and immunisation, maternity and child welfare, ante and post natal care, prevention of illness, care and after care, home help, welfare and mental welfare and clinics for cervical cytology.

In addition to this list encouragement is given to many organisations providing a service to the Community, e.g. a visit is paid to the Health Area Office every alternate Monday from 11 to 12 a.m. by the Mass radiography service. Provision is made at the centre for the Blood Transfusion Service, while many organisations are encouraged to develop their activities by the use of the centre outside normal working times e.g. East Cornwall Society for the Mentally handicapped, Red Cross, Diabetic Club etc., Voluntary organisations carry out so much valuable work for the sick and handicapped in various ways that it is impossible to list it all.

One feature of the County Service which it is hoped will expand in the future is the Health Education section. At this time when so many people apparently know so much it is surprising to find ignorance of fundamental matters is so common e.g. there are still people who deny the danger to health of cigarette smoking, or refuse to regard it as a real health hazard not only to themselves but to the young who follow their example. The need for extending Health Education into schools is of paramount importance.

The services which are available for St. Austell Urban District are also available for Fowey Municipal Borough, which has its own Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitor.

A list of clinics follows when it will be seen that a wide variety of advice and treatment is available.

CLINICS HELD IN THE URBAN DISTRICT

Child Welfare	{ Charlestown - Parish Church Hall	4th Wednesday 2-4 p.m.
	{ Bethel - Methodist Church Hall	2nd Wednesday 2-4 p.m.
	{ St.Austell - Moorland Road Clinic	1st & 3rd Wed. 2-4 p.m.
Ante-natal	St.Austell - Maternity Unit	Wednesday mornings

CLINICS HELD IN THE URBAN DISTRICT (continued)

Orthopaedic	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	Tuesday mornings
Tuberculosis	St. Austell Hospital (Health Visitor attends)	Monday afternoons
Dental	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	Daily
Ophthalmic	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	Tuesdays, by appointment.
E.N.T.	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	By arrangement
Psychiatric	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	Monday mornings
Child Guidance	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	Wednesday mornings
Speech Therapy	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	As required
Mothercraft	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	Tuesday afternoons
Family planning	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	2nd Monday each month 2.30-4.0 p.m. 2nd, 3rd, 4th Fridays 6.30 - 8.0 p.m. 4th Monday each month 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.
Smear Test	St. Austell, Moorland Road,	By appointment

HOSPITALS in the St. Austell Urban District and Borough of Fowey.

The St. Austell District Hospital deals with Medical and Surgical cases, and is visited by consultants. There is no resident medical staff however, and cover for treatment of accident cases is undertaken by General Practitioners.

The Fowey Hospital provides a like service for Fowey and District.

Penrice Maternity Hospital caters for admission from a radius of about 15 miles, and is already working to full capacity.

Sedgenoor Priory is continuing as a geriatric hospital until the new Geriatric Unit at Penrice Hospital becomes available.

Clinics held at the St. Austell Hospital are:-

General Medical and Surgical	Daily
Orthopaedic	Monday mornings
Venereal Diseases	Tuesday afternoons
Tuberculosis	Monday afternoons
Skin Diseases	Thursday mornings

SECTION C

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

WATER

The water supply is soft but not plumbo-solvent.

Almost all parts of the Urban District has a mains piped water supply, while the North and Mid Cornwall Water Board also supplies the town of Fowey, although Menabilly and Polkerris still have a private piped supply.

Water samples are taken regularly by the Water Board and also by the Public Health Inspectors of the District.

In all over 400 samples were taken during the year.

The results showed satisfactory supplies.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

St. Austell. A scheme for the sewerage of the Portmellon area commenced on the 1st August 1967. A tender for the construction of a Trunk Sewer to serve the St. Austell area has been given Ministry approval and work will commence in January 1968.

A scheme for the construction of Sewage treatment works at Menagwins, St. Austell and a Sewerage system at London Apprentice has been put out to tender and it is hoped that the work will commence early in 1968.

Fowey. A firm of consultants were engaged by the Council to prepare a scheme for the sewerage of Fowey and finally to get rid of the old sewers that discharged directly into the river.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

This service in St. Austell is under the supervision of the Surveyor, and in Fowey under the control of the Surveyor/Public Health Inspector. In Mevagissey and Fowey increased collections are made in summer.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

As for Public Cleansing the same officers provide supervision and maintenance.

SECTION D

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and Other Diseases ST. AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following notifications of infectious diseases were received:

Measles	308
Scarlet Fever	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3
Pneumonia	4
Sonnei Dysentery	4
Acute Encephalitis	
Post Infectious	1

IMMUNISATION

Triple (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963-60	1959-51	Total
Primary	137	170	14	3	2	2	328
Booster	0	36	43	5	69	24	177

Diphtheria and tetanus

Primary	1	3	0	0	14	3	21
Booster	0	0	6	2	215	298	521

PROPHYLACTICS

Prophylactics in various combinations are available to General Medical Practitioners from the Health Area Office, Moorland Road, St. Austell. These include Oral Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Smallpox.

SMALLPOX

A total of 138 primary vaccinations and 19 re-vaccinations were carried out during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

The total number of cases in the register at the 31st December, 1967 showed a drop of 10 as compared with 1966.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Male	55	4
Female	<u>40</u>	<u>11</u>
	<u>95</u>	<u>15</u>

There were no deaths due to tuberculosis during 1966. The trend for several years has been downward and continuous.

Regular visiting of cases is carried out and examination of contacts of new cases and existing cases occurs at regular intervals. Prophylactic measures have been taken by offering B.C.G. vaccination to school children over a period of years. This vaccination provides protection against the disease during a period of life when the subject is vulnerable. When first started in Cornwall the selected age group was the school leaving group but as time passed the selection has gradually moved to the eleven year old children. In 1966 following preliminary testing of 807 children in the selected age group, 613 received B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis. Many of the children not receiving B.C.G. had already obtained protection by previous B.C.G. vaccination as contacts.

POLIO MYELITIS

Only the oral vaccine is now used. The following table gives the vaccinations carried out during the year.

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963-60	1959-51	Total
Primary	142	210	11	9	7	31	410
Booster	0	32	32	4	321	248	637

SECTION D

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and Other Disease FOWEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Measles Male 7 Female 2

The State of the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1966.

Pulmonary Male 9 Female 2

Non- Pulmonary " 1 " 2

Control of Notifiable Disease

In Fowey most infants receive their primary prophylaxis against infectious disease by the family doctors, older children usually receive the necessary boosters at school.

The following table gives the number of children immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus (called Triple) and Diphtheria and Tetanus during 1966 and born in the year shown.

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963-60	1959-51	Total
Triple Primary	7	11	1	0	1	0	20
Triple Booster	0	3	1	1	11	1	17
Diph.Tet.Booster.	0	0	1	0	13	15	29

Polionyelitis Vaccination

Oral vaccine is freely available and its use is encouraged in all ages up to 40 years.

Oral Polio. Vaccination

Primary	6	15	1	1	11	4	38
Booster	0	4	1	1	46	7	59

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the
St. Austell Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1967. I have incorporated statistics from the Fowey Borough Council wherever possible.

Table 1 on page 23 sets out details of the number of visits made by your Public Health Inspectors during the year under review.

The principal items of the report are set out in classified order as follows:

1. MEAT INSPECTION

The Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations, which came into force late in 1966, gave local authorities power to control hours of slaughter and I am pleased to report that with the co-operation of the occupiers of the slaughter houses in the district, it is now necessary to carry out meat inspection duties outside the normal working hours on Saturday mornings only. These Regulations however, required more detailed examinations of all carcasses and offal and as this meant that the Inspectors had to devote more time to this most important duty, it was necessary to report the facts to the Council and ask for additional staff.

To ensure 100% post-mortem inspection of the 21,707 animals slaughtered for human consumption, 1,083 visits were paid to the 4 licensed slaughterhouses in the district. Table II of page 25 summarises the results of meat inspection and it will be noted that 12 tons 11 cwts 110 lbs of meat and offal was condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

There are no slaughterhouses situated within the Borough of Fowey.

Tuberculosis

Of the 10,764 pigs slaughtered and inspected only .6% were affected with localised tuberculosis resulting in 3 cwts 42 lbs of meat and offal being condemned.

Cysticercus Bovis

In 1967 *Cysticercus Bovis* was found in 4 cows and 28 other cattle and as a result 3 carcasses were kept under refrigeration in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1968 before being released for human consumption.

2. UNFOOD FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

Substantial quantities of food found to be unfood were surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors for proper disposal and condemnation. The figures for 1967 were as follows:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Meat from retail shops	1	10	53
Canned Meats	0	9	49
Fish	0	1	48
Fruit and Vegetables	0	14	10
Other	1	1	27
	3	16	75

3. ICE-CREAM

There are 8 ice-cream manufacturers and 151 premises retailing ice-cream in the district. 23 samples of ice-cream were collected and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Truro for examination. The methylene blue test was applied to these samples and where unsatisfactory results were obtained further investigations and samplings were carried out.

There are 25 retailers but no manufacturers within the Borough of Fowey.

4. FOOD HYGIENE

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 require all who are engaged in the handling of food for sale to maintain satisfactory standards of cleanliness and to take all necessary steps to guard against the contamination of the food. During the year cards requesting that dogs should be kept out of food premises were issued for display and the response from the majority of shopkeepers was encouraging.

Detailed inspections have continued during the year and 633 visits were paid to the various food premises in the district. Details of premises subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations grouped under their various heads are set out in Table III on page 26.

5. MILK SUPPLIES - Brucellosis

During the year 29 samples of fresh cream were collected and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service, R.C.I., Truro for examination. In all cases *Brucella Abortus* was not isolated.

6. CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES

There were 49 licences in respect of 8 holiday and 128 residential caravans granted during the year and these were additional to the 28 licences granted in respect of 170 residential and 934 holiday caravans already in force throughout 1967.

There were 5 sites consisting of 51 caravans situated within the Borough of Fowey.

7. EMPLOYMENT, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

General inspections of premises continued during the year and details of the number of premises registered up to the end of 1967 together with the number of persons employed in each particular class are set out in Table IV on page 26 .

In the Borough of Fowey 63 premises were registered at the end of the year and 204 persons were employed therein.

Accidents

3 accidents, which had been reported on Form O.S.R.2 were investigated but no action was necessary.

8. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

During the year 303 properties were inspected and 280 were found to be infested and treatments carried out. Further details are set out in Table V on page 27 .

The public sewers were test-baited in accordance with the Ministry's technique during April and September and treatments carried out where necessary.

There were no major infestations reported within the Borough of Fowey during 1967.

9. WATER SUPPLIES

Of the 174 samples of water collected by the Public Health Inspectors from the main supplies 6 were found to be unsatisfactory and of the 80 samples collected from private supplies 51 were unsatisfactory.

10. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 1964

During the year there were 2 applications for registration as dealers bringing the total number of registered dealers in the area to 14.

11. RATING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1964

Two applications for licences were received and in each case the inspection reports were satisfactory and the licences were granted.

12. CLOSING

Details of action taken in respect of individual houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of being rendered fit at a reasonable expense are set out in Table VI while details of action taken to secure the abatement of nuisances are set out in Table VII on page 29 .

(a) Slum Clearance

The Council's Slum Clearance programme has continued and 15 Demolition Orders and 9 Closing Orders were made whilst 2 'undertakings' to make fit were accepted by the Council.

Twenty-one houses were demolished, 16 being subject to Demolition Orders, 2 subject to Closing Orders and 3 from a confirmed Clearance Order.

In addition to the houses dealt with by formal action under the Housing Act 1957, 8 houses, which were originally included in the Council's programme, were demolished by informal action.

(b) Re-Housing

During the year 30 persons comprising 9 families and living in unfit houses were re-housed by the Council - 9.9% of the dwellings allocated being let to Slum Clearance tenants.

Details of house construction in the area during 1967 were as follows:

Dwellings completed by Council 34 with 117 under construction at 31.12.67.
Dwellings completed by private enterprise 250 with 225 under construction at 31.12.67.

2 Two bedroomed houses were completed at Windmill Fovey early in 1967.

The dwellings shown as being under construction by the Council were 67 flats at Bridge Road, St. Austell; 21 flats in Old Persons Warden Scheme at Poltair, St. Austell and 19 flats and 10 maisonettes at West Hill/Moorland Road, St. Austell.

(a) Improvement Grants

4 applications for Discretionary and 39 for Standard Grants were received during the year and 36 and 38 respectively were approved.

Improvements in respect of 66 applications were completed and the Council contributed £15,029 towards the cost of the works involved.

(a) Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

(c) Overcrowding

6 cases of overcrowding were investigated during the year 3 of which were confirmed and abated.

13. STAFF

As reported in the 1966 Annual Report, the implementation of the new Meat Inspection Regulations made it impossible to carry out the duties imposed upon the Department and an application for assistance was made in September but a decision was deferred pending the 1967-68 estimates. The Council, finally, agreed to appoint an additional Public Health Inspector and Mr. P. Johns commenced in the Department on the 1st August 1967.

Mrs. Lawson, the Clerk/Typist left the Department in October and Mrs. B. Lumb, who was appointed to succeed her, commenced her duties on the 1st December.

Mr. W. Hancock, the Council's Rodent Operator retired in May and his services to the Council was much appreciated. Mr. J. Sandow, who succeeded him, has proved to be a very capable and efficient Operator and I think the Council are very fortunate in securing his services for this particular work.

The establishment of the Department at the end of the year consisted of 4 Public Health Inspectors and a Clerk/Typist.

14. CONCLUSION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for their support during the year and to Mr. Cross and other members of the staff for their co-operation.

I would also like to thank Dr. McGovern for his willing support and advice at all times and to the staff of the Department for their loyal assistance throughout the year.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant

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TABLE 1
SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT
VISITS

	<u>1967</u>
<u>HOUSING</u>	
<u>Public Health Acts</u>	
Houses inspected	269
Miscellaneous public health	348
<u>Housing Acts</u>	
Houses inspected	729
Improvement Grants	150
Overcrowding	10
Rent Act	3
Miscellaneous housing visits	187
<u>Vermin</u>	
Filthy and verminous premises	8
Rats and mice	20
<u>General</u>	
Atmospheric pollution	29
Caravan and camping sites	263
Drainage	837
Factories - power	29
Factories - non-power	2
Factories - building sites	4
Factories - outworkers	5
Hairdressers	2
Land charges register	18
Litter Act	15
Noise abatement	3
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	184
Pet animals Act	2
Public conveniences	16
Refuse collection and disposal	26
Riding establishments	4
Scrap metal dealers	8
Shops Act, 1950	5
Sites - demolition	14
Slaughter of Animals Act	5
Swimming pools	1
Theatres and cinemas	2
Waste food plants	3
Water supply	26

Food Inspection

Fish inspection	1
Meat inspection - not at slaughter houses	1
Meat inspection	1,083
Other foods	112
Bakeries	23
Butchers	63
Clubs	1
Confectioners	23
Fish shops	7
Fish shops - fried	22
Greengrocers and fruiterers	16
Grocers	192
Hospital kitchens	1
Hotels and boarding houses	7
Ice cream manufacturers	10
Ice cream retailers	79
Licensed premises	6
Miscellaneous food visits	63
Milk distributors	45
Mobile butchers	1
Mobile fish shops	2
Mobile fried fish shops	2
Mobile snack bars	5
Preserved food premises	54
Restaurants	20
School kitchens	3
Slaughterhouses	32
Wholesalers	25
Snack bars	37

Samplings

Food general	7
Ice cream	26
Specimens	19
Water	223
Cream	29

Other visits

Food poisoning	19
Infectious diseases	9
Insect pests	5
Petroleum	33
Housing advances	21

Total5,558

TABLE II
MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lamb	Pigs
Number killed	2407	228	418	7890	10764
Number inspected	2407	228	418	7890	10764
All diseases except T.B. & Cysticercus					
(a) Whole carcass condemned	2	7	16	102	16
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	810	98	2	442	1120
% of number affected with diseases other than T.B. and Cysticercus	33.7	46	4.3	6.9	10.5
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
(a) Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	70
% of number inspected affected with T.B.	-	0.4	-	-	0.6
<u>Cysticercus only</u>					
(a) Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	28	4	-	-	-
% of number inspected affected with cysticercus	1.2	1.6	-	-	-
Gross weight of meat condemned in lbs.	9755	5084	875	6471	6037

TABLE 111

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

	Number of food premises	Wash-hand basins provided Reg. 16	No of food premises requiring sinks	Sinks provided Reg. 19
Bakeries	11	10	11	11
Butchers	33	31	33	33
Canteens	4	4	4	4
Clubs	9	9	9	9
Confectioners, sweets etc.	31	26	27	18
Wet fish shop	10	8	10	10
Fried fish shop	10	8	10	10
Greengrocers & fruiterers	11	11	11	9
Grocers	135	125	135	100
Hospital kitchens	2	2	2	2
Hotels & boarding houses	31	31	31	31
Ice cream manufacturers	8	8	8	8
Ice cream retailers	151	151	120	100
Institutions - kitchens	1	1	1	1
Licensed premises	27	27	27	27
Preserved food premises	38	36	38	38
Restaurants	41	41	41	41
School kitchens	8	8	8	8
Wholesalers	8	7	8	8
Cinemas	3	3	2	2

TABLE IV

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Class of Premises	Registration of premises up to 31st December 1967	
	Premises registered	Persons employed
Offices	109	1263
Retail shops	256	1055
Wholesale shops and warehouses	17	136
Catering premises and Canteens	41	229
Fuel storage depots	2	11
	425	2694

TABLE V
RODENT CONTROL

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				Agriculture
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling houses (inc. Cl. houses)	(3) All other inc. business premises	(4) Totals of 1, 2, and 3	
A. No. of properties inspected as a result of :-					
1. Notification	21	206	58	285	-
2. Survey under the Act	4	-	19	23	-
3. Otherwise	-	-	-	-	-
B. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	112	892	320	1324	-
C. No. of properties inspected (Section A.) which were found to be infested by					
1. Rats {Major	-	-	-	-	-
{Minor	25	192	60	277	-
2. Mice {Major	-	-	-	-	-
{Minor	-	2	1	3	-
D. No. of infested properties (in Sec. C) treated by L.A.	25	194	61	280	-
E. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	108	853	295	1261	-
F. No. of Notices served under Section 4.					
a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
b) Structural work	-	-	-	-	-
G. No. of block treatments	-	4	-	4	-

TABLE VI

HOUSING

1. <u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year</u>	
a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	125
b) Number of visits made for the purpose	873
2. <u>Houses demolished</u>	
a) In clearance areas	3
b) Not in clearance area	18
3. <u>Unfit houses closed</u>	
a) Under section 16 (4), 17 (1), 35 (1), Housing Act 1957 and section 26 of the Housing Act 1961	11
b) Under section 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act 1957	-
4. <u>Persons displaced</u>	
a) From houses in clearance areas	-
b) From houses not in clearance areas	14
c) From houses to be closed	16
d) From parts of buildings to be closed	-
5. <u>Families displaced</u>	
a) From houses in clearance areas	-
b) From houses not in clearance areas	3
c) From houses to be closed	6
d) From parts of buildings to be closed	-
6. <u>Unfit houses made fit</u>	
a) After informal action by local authority (by owner)	5
b) After formal notice under sections 9 & 16 Housing Act 1957	
(i) by owner	1
(ii) by local authority	-
c) After formal notice under Public Health Acts	2
d) After determination of Closing Order	1
7. Houses in which defects were remedied after formal notice under Public Health Act	1

TABLE VII
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS 1936 AND 1961
INFORMAL AND STATUTORY NOTICES

The following table shows the action taken to secure the abatement of nuisances and the removal of conditions dangerous and injurious to health:-

<u>Notices</u>	<u>No. served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>	<u>Work done by Council in default</u>
Informal	73	92	-
Statutory	2	5	-

TABLE VIII
FACTORIES ACT 1961

INSPECTIONS

	<u>No. in register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	147	18	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	22	-	-	-
	171	20	4	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature(S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation(S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors-		-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	2	-	2	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

	Section 133		No. of Prosecutions	Section 134		No. of Prosecutions
	No. of Outworkers in the August list	No. of cases of default in sending in list to Council		No. of instances of work in unwholesome places	No. of Notices Served	
<u>Wearing Apparel</u>						
A. Making of etc.	8	-	1	-	-	1
B. Cleaning & washing of	-	-	1	-	-	1

